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Application No.: 10/825,888

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Title: METHOD TO IMPROVE MECHANICAL  
STRENGTH OF LOW-K DIELECTRIC FILM  
USING MODULATED UV EXPOSURE

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

The present invention has been subject to an election of species requirement in which applicants are asked to elect one of the following patentably distinct species: (1) having a non-porous, (2) having a porous film and (3) exposing the dielectric films to different UV radiation intensities repeated times.

Applicants hereby elect species No. 3 (exposing the dielectric films to different UV radiation intensities repeated times) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 34-53 and 55-57 read on the above species.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response to Election of Species Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. NOVLP088).

Respectfully submitted,  
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